
HOW TO INCLUDE THE WARD IN DECISION MAKING

A Guardian should consider the Ward's thoughts and feelings when making a decision for the Ward.

When discussing the situation with the Ward, a Guardian should:

1. Talk with (not at) the Ward.
2. Listen carefully to what the Ward is saying and trying to communicate.
3. Remember that the Ward is an adult and should be given the respect that an adult deserves.
4. Avoid talking about the Ward with others as though the Ward is not present.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

It is the DUTY and RESPONSIBILITY of the Guardian to make a final decision that is appropriate and in the best interests of the Ward, even if the Ward disagrees with the decision.